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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS- ELECTRONICS
COMMITTEE (NJCEC) MEETING, 27-28 MAR 73

REFS: A. AC/270- A/12 F. USNATO 0990, 23 FEB 73

B. NICSMA- D/24 G. AC/270- D/105

C. NICSMA- D/21 H. USNATO 0518, 29 JAN 73

D. STATE 226075 I. USNATO 1055, 27 FEB 73

E. USNATO 468, 26 JAN 73 J. AC/270- N/10

1. SUMMARY. KEY POLICY ISSUES ON AGENDA (REF A) INCLUDE:

A. DISCUSSION OF POLICY CONSIDERATIONS UNDER WHICH NATIONAL
USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE PERMITTED.

B. PROCEDURES AND NEED FOR ESTABLISHING COMMON SYSTEM PARAMETERS
FOR DIGITALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.

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C. REVIEW OF DG NICSMA DOCUMENT ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
PHILOSOPHY (REF B). IT IS OUR VIEW THAT IMPLEMENTATION TIME-

TABLES PROPOSED BY DG CAN BE GREATLY ACCELERATED WITHOUT CAUSING UNDUE RISK TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROGRAM.

D. REQUEST TO ENDORSE FUNDING FORECAST OF ABOUT 83 MILLION IAU FOR NICS PROJECTS DURING NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE PERIOD (1975-79) (REF C). IF TOTAL MNC REQUIREMENT OF 500 MILLION IAU IS NOT MET AND FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR NICS ARE REDUCED, EITHER PROGRAM STRETCHOUT MUST BE ACCEPTED OR SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND (SUCH AS EDIP). OUR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ARE INCLUDED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRQPHS. END SUMMARY.

2. NATO SALELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMME - PHASE II

A. NICSMA STATUS REPORT: DG PROGRESS REPORT UPDATES STATUS ON NATO SATCOM PHASE II. NO NJCEC ACTION REQUIRED.

B. CIRCUIT RESTORATION PRIORITIES: CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) WILL NOTE THAT CIRCUIT RESTORATION PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN AGREED BY APPROPRIATE NATO BODIES FOR BOTH MILITARY AND CIVIL USERS OF NATO SATCOM. US REP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RAISE TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT IMPLEMENTATION OF CIRCUIT RESTORATION PRIORITIES WHEN SATCOM IS INTEGRATED INTO NICS (REF D).

C. " O& M" FOR PHASE II SATELLITE GROUND TERMINALS (SGT): MACBRIEN WILL REPORT THAT ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING NORWAY, AGREED TO A DRAFT O& M DOCUMENT DURING MEETING HELD AT SHPAE EARLY IN 1973. AGREED DOCUMENT AUTHORIZES AHAPE TO RETAIN MINIMUM ESSENTIAL CENTRALIZED CONTROL OVER O& M OF SGT' S.

3. SATELLITE CONTINGENCY PLANNING

A. ENDORSEMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU): IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL NATIONS WILL ENDORSE MOU " AFTER THE FACT" SINCE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY NATO, US, AND UK AUTHORITIES AND NATO CUTOVER TO US SATELLITE TOOK PLACE ON 19 FEB.

B. CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SATCOM PHASE III: TITLE SHOULD READ " CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SATCOM PHASE II" IN LIEU OF PHASE III. DG NICSMA WILL REPORT ON SUCCESS OF CUTOVER TO USDSCS ATLANTIC CONFIDENTIAL

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SATELLITE. APPROVAL OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE WILL BE SOUGHT. AS A PRELIMINARY ACTION, PROPOSED RELEASE WAS SENT TO SATCOM CONTINGENCY PLANNING GROUP (SCCPG) REPS FOR CONCURRENCE BY SILENT PROCEDURE (NAC MESSAGE 2740, DTG 071620 Z MAR).

C. REPORT BY SCCPG: USNATO COMMENTS CONTAINED IN REFS E AND F.

4. DIGITALIZATION IN NATO COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MACBRIEN' S NOTE (REF G) PLACES ALMOST SOLE EMPHASIS ON REQUIREMENT FOR INTEROPERABILITY WITH NATIONAL PTT SYSTEMS AT EXPENSE

OF NATIONAL MILITARY SYSTEMS. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT INTER-OPERABILITY OF NICS WITH LONG HAUL MILITARY SYSTEMS (SUCH AS DCS) AND TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ARE OF EQUAL, IF NOT MORE, IMPORTANCE THAN INTEROPERABILITY OF NICS WITH NATIONAL PTT SYSTEMS. WE BELIEVE THAT, AS FIRST STEP, NICSMA SHOULD AGREE WITH NATO NATIONS ON SYSTEM PARAMETERS FOR DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND THEN, AS FOLLOW- ON, TO PROCURE HYBRID SWITCHES WHICH WILL PERMIT BOTH ANALOG AND DIGITAL TRANSMISSION. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD PERMIT MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING NATO NETWORKS AND ALLOW FOR EVOLVING INTO INTEROPERABLE DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AS SITUATION WARRANTS.

5. NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NICS)

A. MISSION COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM IV(A)(B)(C) & (D) ARE INCLUDED REFS H AND I. SAMSO REPS WILL REPORT ON SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT CONTRACT AWARD IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM IV(B)(I).

B. PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR NICS: BY TIME OF NJCEC MEETING, DETAILS FOR PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENTS OF NICS MAY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. AGREEMENTS REACHED TO DATE ARE COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH US OBJECTIVES, I. E., MAXIMUM RECOURSE WILL BE MADE TO ICB. ONLY IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE A SWEIIOUS IMBALANCE BECOMES EVIDENT, WILL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO DIRECTED PRODUCTION SHARING.

C. REPORT TO DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE: USNATO COMMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN REF H.

6. NATIONAL USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS
AS NICSMA NEARS COMPLETION OF ITS NICS DIMENSIONING STUDY,
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IT WILL NEED GUIDANCE ON POSSIBILITY OF NATIONAL USE OF SYSTEM. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED TO PERMIT USE, ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS WILL NEED EARLY RESOLUTION. MACBRIEN WILL SEEK PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POLICY QUESTIONS (SEE REF J). WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON AGREE TO TASK JCEWG TO DRAFT A PAPER FOR NJCEC CONSIDERATION ON POLICY FOR NATIONAL USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS.
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